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| Application Number     | 09/726,953        |
| Filing Date            | November 29, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor   | Ricardo Guimaraes |
| Art Unit               | 3743              |
| Examiner Name          | Fadi H. Kahbour   |
| Attorney Docket Number | 155615-0018       |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 09-0946

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)      02/23/2004 JADD01    00000057 09726953

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)      01 FC:1801      770.00 DP

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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| Signature         |           | Date                              | February 17, 2004 |

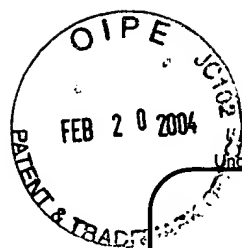
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|   | Filing Date          | November 29, 2000      |             |
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|   | Art Unit             | 3743                   |             |
|   | Examiner Name        | Fadi H. Kahbour        |             |
| Total Number of Pages in This Submission  | 4                    | Attorney Docket Number | 155615-0018 |

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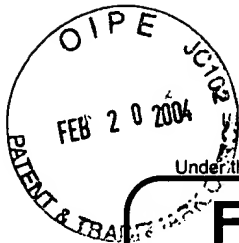
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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### FEE CALCULATION

#### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1001 770                      | 2001 385                      | Utility filing fee     |          |
| 1002 340                      | 2002 170                      | Design filing fee      |          |
| 1003 530                      | 2003 265                      | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 1004 770                      | 2004 385                      | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 1005 160                      | 2005 80                       | Provisional filing fee |          |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ )

#### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

|                    | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Total Claims       | -20** =      | X              |          |
| Independent Claims | -3** =       | X              |          |
| Multiple Dependent |              |                |          |

| Large Entity<br>Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity<br>Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1202 18                       | 2202 9                        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 1201 86                       | 2201 43                       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 1203 290                      | 2203 145                      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 1204 86                       | 2204 43                       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205 18                       | 2205 9                        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ )

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### FEE CALCULATION (continued)

#### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

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|---------------|---------------|--|----------|
| 1051 130      | 2051 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 1052 50       | 2052 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 1053 130      | 1053 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812 2,520    | 1812 2,520    | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 1804 920*     | 1804 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805 1,840*   | 1805 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251 110      | 2251 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252 420      | 2252 210      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253 950      | 2253 475      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254 1,480    | 2254 740      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255 2,010    | 2255 1,005    | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401 330      | 2401 165      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402 330      | 2402 165      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403 290      | 2403 145      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451 1,510    | 1451 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452 110      | 2452 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453 1,330    | 2453 665      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501 1,330    | 2501 665      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502 480      | 2502 240      | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503 640      | 2503 320      | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460 130      | 1460 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 1807 50       | 1807 50       | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |          |
| 1806 180      | 1806 180      | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 8021 40       | 8021 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 1809 770      | 2809 385      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |          |
| 1810 770      | 2810 385      | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))             |          |
| 1801 770      | 2801 385      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    | 770.00   |
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